

Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team

Black Mountain Complex NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release Contact numbers – (928) 753-5189 Saturday, June 10, 2006 8 p.m. (602) 228-8399

Acres: 11,222 Start date: Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Location: west and northwest of Kingman, AZCause: LightningContainment: 40 percentCost: \$651,000Fuels: Grassland, desert scrub, juniperTerrain: Rough

Threats: 12 structures, archeological sites, desert bighorn sheep and desert tortoise habitat

Projected Containment: June 15, 2006 Resources: 17 crews, 20 engines, 5 water tenders

Air support available: 2 helicopters, 1 air attack, 6 single engine air tankers, 5 heavy air tankers

Total personnel: 545

Significant progress was made in the fire containment efforts today on the Black Mountain Complex. This incident is comprised of the Union Fire, the Secret Fire and the Nutt Fire.

Minimal fire activity was observed on the Union Fire; the fire is now 7,005 acres and 75 percent contained. Crews will continue to work extinguishing hot spots.

Low humidity and high winds caused a 2,500- acre blowout on the Secret Fire. Firefighters conducted a successful burnout operation between the blowout and nearby homes. This allowed Mohave County authorities to lift the evacuation and residents were allowed to return to their homes. Crews will work throughout the night to maintain containment lines. The fire is now 4,068 acres and 20 percent contained.

The Nutt Fire is now 149 acres and 90 percent contained. Windy conditions periodically shut down air operations. Red Flag conditions continue to be a concern.

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